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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Data Processing

STATINTL FROM: [REDACTED]  
Director of Security

SUBJECT: Telephone Security

1. This memorandum deals with the security vulnerabilities of the Private Line Automatic Ring (PLAR) telephone service available to a limited number of Agency officials. There has been some degree of confusion on this issue and therefore it is prudent to note periodically that PLAR is not approved for discussion of classified information of any kind.

2. The PLAR telephone system operates off the Headquarters black line system via the C&P telephone main frame switch located on the first floor of the Headquarters Building. Those private lines which ring at locations outside the Headquarters Building, such as at the Executive Office Building, operate via regular C&P commercial circuits. Perhaps the fact that these special lines often show up on call directors with uniquely colored buttons has caused some people to ascribe special security properties to them. This is an incorrect assumption. These lines are not protected in any manner against technical penetration.

3. In this same vein, it should be remembered that the dial intercom (two digit station code dialing) also operates off the black line system and is likewise not approved for the discussion of any level of classified information.

4. The only telephones which are suitable for classified discussions are:

a. The gray line/green line Central Intelligence Secure Voice Network (CISVN) system is approved for discussions up to and including TOP SECRET and Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI).

b. The red line system is approved for discussions up to and including SECRET information. The red line is not approved for discussing sensitive operational information, SCI, nor TOP SECRET information

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